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METHOD OF RATING BRITTLENESS OF COATING SUBSTANCE AND DEVICE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE BRITTLENESS RATING METHOD

RESPONSE

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Sir:

This replies to the Official Action mailed March 1, 2003.

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